



# *Our Lady of Lourdes*

## **Catholic Parish, Waterloo**

### **Mass Times**

*The Lord's Day:* Saturday 7:00 p.m.

*Divine Mercy Chaplet* 20 minutes before Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Weekdays:* Wednesday, Friday  
8:30 a.m.

*Holy Rosary* 20 minutes before Mass  
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 p.m.

### **Confession Times**

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,  
20 minutes before weekday Masses.

### **Sacraments**

For baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, please contact parish office.

### **Blessing of Expectant Parents**

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses.

### **Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation**

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of the hospital admissions to request anointing or pastoral visit.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month. For information on food distribution call 519-886-0342 ext 2.

### **Welcome New Members**

Welcome! We're glad you want to join our parish! Please fill out a form from the church lobby or website, drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

### **Offertory Envelopes / Pre-Authorized Debit**

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

### **PARISH TEAM**

**Pastor:** Rev. Rafal Tomon  
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek  
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Parish Bequests**



Keep your love for your parish alive.  
Remember Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in your will  
and when recommending expressions of sympathy.



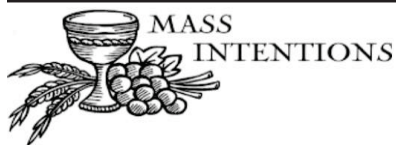
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6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feb 14 to Feb 19

|                  |                        |   |
|------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 7:00 p.m.              | + Vincent Morrison – Family                                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30 a.m.              | + Frieda Cole<br>– Mary Jane & Bruce Gowans                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7:00 p.m.              | + Doreen Gagnon – Family  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8:30 a.m.              | + Greg Hill – Joan Cassidy                                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 1:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | <b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b><br>+ Vincent Morrison – Family |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.              | Living & deceased<br>members of our parish                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 11:00 a.m.             | Special Intention   |

**Monthly Budget Review as of Feb 5, 2023**

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|--|--------------------|
| Cumulative financial objective – 5 weeks @ \$7,500 | \$37,500.00        |
| Weekly contributions year to date                  | \$22,216.05        |
| Pre-authorized giving (year to date)               | \$11,871.99        |
|  | <u>\$34,088.04</u> |
| Over (under) objective                             | <b>-\$3,411.96</b> |



**Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day**

Pope John Paul II's Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Hail Mary, poor and humble Woman, Blessed by the Most High! Virgin of hope, dawn of a new era, we join in your song of praise, to celebrate the Lord's mercy, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom and the full liberation of humanity. Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord, Glorious Mother of Christ! Faithful Virgin, holy dwelling-place

of the Word, teach us to persevere in listening to the Word, and to be docile to the voice of the Spirit, attentive to his promptings in the depths of our conscience and to his manifestations in the events of history.

Hail Mary, Woman of sorrows, Mother of the living! Virgin spouse beneath the Cross, the new Eve, be our guide along the paths of the world. Teach us to experience and to spread the love of Christ, to stand with you before the innumerable crosses on which your Son is still crucified. Hail Mary, woman of faith, First of the disciples! Virgin Mother of the Church, help us always to account for the hope that is in us, with trust in human goodness and the Father's love. Teach us to build up the world beginning from within: in the depths of silence and prayer, in the joy of fraternal love, in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.

Holy Mary, Mother of believers, Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Amen.

This prayer was said during the Holy Father's August 15, 2004, visit to Lourdes, France. The Pope asked her among other things to 'be our guide along the paths of the world.

*please join us*



**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

Open Next  
on Sunday, **March 12, 2023**  
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Mass in the parish hall.

**MENU:** Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2  
**BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS**

Sales from Feb 5, 2023, were \$222.00  
All proceeds from OLOL Café will go to support parish committees.  
Please be a part of something extraordinary.  
Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café  
**open 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the Month.



Dearest Heavenly Father, I want to thank You for the precious gift of

love You have given to the world and to me. Thank You for blessing me every day with this love and the power and strength that I get from You every single day.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:**

It's time to bring some new blood to our parish CWL executive. It has been many years since we had an official executive. It's time that we return and bring back spirituality and some exciting events. The new executive is scheduled to be introduced in May at which time our current executive

will step down, with the exception of our president, Patrycja Wiecek, who will become past president willing to guide the new president when asked. There will be training for each position along with documentation, so all new executive members will feel comfortable by the first meeting in September (we promise).

This is where we really need your help!! We have several positions to fill for our new executive and we would appreciate your input. We have created a nomination form (below) on which you can nominate someone whom you know (or know their skills) and would be committed to a position they would hold. Anyone nominated will be called by the elections committee after the nomination deadline of May 7. Please place your completed nomination form in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. We certainly want to keep the faith and friendship blooming in our CWL at Lourdes.

**Catholic Women's League Nomination to Executive Positions**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate  
\_\_\_\_\_, name

for the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deadline for nominations is May 7.**

Open positions on Our Lady of Lourdes CWL executive are:

- President
- Spiritual director
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary
- Communications
- Christian family life

*Please deposit this nomination form into the collection basket no later than Sunday, May 7*

**E-TRANSFER**

Exciting news! We are now able to provide E-Transfer to our parishioners.

For E-Transfers, please use the following email account: [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.**



Please continue to prayer for our 45 students and their families: from Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Rosary and other area schools who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m.** May Jesus be their strength as they continue to draw closer to Him.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:17-37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three-part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead, it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

**2023 ENVELOPES** Please pick up your new envelopes, located at the back of the church. Please note any envelopes **not** picked up and used for 2023 will have their envelope number reassigned.



**THE POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2023**

**FOR PARISHES**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



**NO PASSPORT REQUIRED: A BUS TRIP TO MONTREAL – JULY 7-9**

Montreal is historic and cosmopolitan at once, and is full of joie de vivre, gorgeous architecture, great shopping, and unforgettable dining. We will spend two nights at our downtown hotel, conveniently located within walking distance of Ste. Catherine St. with its plethora of exciting stores. A guided city tour is included during our stay. Visit Old Montréal and perhaps pay a visit to the incredible Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory, or just enjoy some relaxation at a sidewalk cafe amidst the historic and stunningly beautiful architecture. You may try your luck at the Montréal Casino or visit the many cafés and restaurants along Crescent Street, there's something to suit every taste. The bus trip departs on **Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Cost of \$665+ per person (when booked with a 4-person room occupancy). To book a seat or for additional information, send an email to Patrycja at [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com). Don't miss out on this mini pilgrimage and adventure. **Information session will be held on Feb 24 at 6:00 p.m. at our parish office.**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES LIVING ROSARY** Members of the Small Faith Group invites you to join our living rosary and pray a decade of the rosary daily for the needs of the parish and the community in February 2023. We acknowledge the challenges in loving difficult people. However, as God abides in us, we need first to make the decision to love and then put love into action. This month, we invite you to pray for the following intentions:

1. **Let us ask for God's grace in our willingness to display God's presence dwelling within us. May we be instruments of God's love!**
2. **Pope Francis' prayer intention for parishes- We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.**
3. **The sick and their caregivers.**
4. **The living and deceased members of our parish.**
5. **The special intentions of the members of our parish.**

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming month. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online <https://forms.gle/bVsQkztFsR2NKprZA>.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

Feb 13 Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.

**Feb 14 Rev. Rafal Tomon**

Feb 15 Discalced Carmelite Sisters

Feb 16 Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.

Feb 17 Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.

Feb 18 Rev. Chris Buda C.R.



**Prayer for Vocations...** God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen



Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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